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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please enter the following amended claims:

- 17. The electroless plating solution according to Claim 14, the temperature of which is 25 to 40°C.
- 18. The electroless plating solution according to Claim 14 wherein the copper deposition rate of said electroless plating solution is 1 to 2 μm/hour.